

Remarks

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1 and 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to delete the term “essentially.” As a result, the rejection of Claim 1 and dependant Claims 11-13 is now obviated. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 and 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Applicants have removed the word “essentially” in independent Claim 1. As a result, the rejection of Claim 1 and dependent Claims 11-13 is now obviated. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Valentine. Further, Claims 1 and 11-13 have been rejected 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Das.

The Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to remove the word “essentially.” As a result, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of independent Claim 1 and dependant Claims 11-13 as anticipated by Valentine and Das is obviated. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit the Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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